

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
AND
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS
OF THE
TOWN OF NEW GLOUCESTER,

For the Year Ending March 1, 1884.

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TOWN OFFICERS, 1883.

CLERK,

JAMES M. THOMPSON.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF POOR,

JOHN W. TRUE,

JAMES M. THOMPSON,

CHARLES N. FOGG.

TREASURER,

BENJAMIN W. MERRILL.

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

CHARLES P. HASKELL.

COLLECTOR AND CONSTABLE,

BENJAMIN W. MERRILL.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

The Annual Reports of the Town Officers of the Town of New Gloucester, for the year ending March 1, 1884, are herewith submitted :

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

VALUATION.

Total valuation for the year 1883, \$823,358 00
Number of polls, 317. Poll tax, \$2.00. Rate of taxation, $8\frac{9}{10}$ mills on \$1.00.

ASSESSMENTS.

The several sums were assessed for the following purposes :

State tax,	\$3,282 57	
County tax,	477 57	
	<hr/>	\$3,760 14
Support of schools,	\$1,700 00	
Contingent expenses,	500 00	
Repair of school houses,	100 00	
Repair of school house in district No. 3,	350 00	
Building barn on town farm,	1,000 00	
Building school house in district No. 1,	200 00	
Amount of overlay,	351 86	
	<hr/>	\$4,201 86
Total amount committed to collector,		\$7,962 00

HIGHWAY TAX.

Amount voted for repair of roads		
and bridges,	\$2,000 00	
Amount of overlay,	87 20	
	<hr/>	\$2,087 20
Rate of taxation, $2\frac{15}{100}$ mills on \$1.00. Poll tax, \$1.00.		

RECEIPTS.

The receipts of the town from February 19, 1883, to February 19, 1884, have been as follows :

Cash in Treasury, Feb. 19, 1883,	\$3,410 55
Received from the town of Oxford, pauper expenses,	5 00
Received of town of Gray, for tuition of scholars,	17 67
town of Raymond, pauper expenses,	12 00
Alvah Morse, old doors and seats from school house, district No. 3,	1 85
E. Winslow, for old seats,	1 00
W. H. True, for old seats,	50
B. W. Merrill, Treasurer of New Gloucester school fund,	232 49
Sewall N. Martin, for use of hearse,	4 00
S. H. Chandler, money loaned the town,	500 00
State Treasurer, school fund and mill tax for 1882, due Jan 1, 1883,	657 00
State Treasurer, railroad and telegraph tax for year 1882,	493 37
Clarissa Berry, for settlement of taxes for land sold Dec. 31, 1881,	7 20
J. M. Thompson, for lime, lumber, etc., from school house, district No. 1,	5 26
C. A. Andrews, for board of horse on town farm,	22 50
George Hatch, for 7 M. shingles,	24 50
B. W. Merrill, Collector,	4,201 86
	————— \$9,596 75

EXPENDITURES.

The amounts paid from the Treasury, for the year ending February 19, 1884, have been as follows :

SCHOOLS.

		Dr.
Paid for support of schools as per bills approved		
by Supervisor,	\$2,471 96	
<i>balance unexpended.</i>	1,620 18	
	<hr/>	\$4,092 14
		Cr.
By unexpended balance of 1883,	\$1,405 67	
town appropriation,	1,700 00	
State mill tax, due January 1, 1882,	461 55	
State school fund, due January 1, 1883,	196 23	
New Gloucester school fund, due		
April 23, 1883,	272 49	
due from the town of Poland,	40 00	
due from the town of Gray,	16 20	
	<hr/>	\$4,092 14

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid A. Buck, for labor for year 1879,		\$1 02
Road bills as approved by Z. A. Rowe, for the year 1881 :		
Paid Cyrus Larrabee, for labor,	\$1 00	
E. N. Gilbert, for labor,	1 87	
Henry H. Sawyer, for labor,	2 26	
William H. Eveleth, for labor,	1 25	
William Eveleth, for labor,	1 06	
Newell P. Haskell, for labor,	2 12	
	<hr/>	\$9 56

Road bills as approved by C. S. Haskell, for the year 1882 :

		Dr.
Paid Charles Strout, for labor,	\$1 50	
C. P. Merrill, for labor,	1 06	
Joseph Small, for labor,	47 62	
Augustus J. Haskell, for labor,	15 13	

Paid E. N. Gilbert, for labor,	\$7 21
O. C. Nelson, for labor,	3 64
A. Buck, for labor,	7 88
Wm. F. Ayer, for labor,	10 75
Benjamin McIntire, for labor,	45 98
Wm. Witham, for labor,	11 00
F. M. Thayer, for labor,	29 37
Jabez True, for labor,	11 10
Nathaniel Bennett, for labor,	2 03
James A. Tufts, for labor,	29 68
Joshua Snow, for labor,	21 01
Ivory Harmon, for labor,	2 50
J. F. McCann, for labor,	8 36
E. J. Mitchell, for labor,	11 39
Elbridge True, for labor,	13 37
George W. Ricker, for labor,	7 50
F. B. Wells, for labor,	5 00
James Merrill, for labor,	2 31
C. A. Andrews, for labor,	15 00
C. M. Witham, for labor,	5 45
John Whitman, for labor,	25
D. N. Jordan, for labor,	3 12
A. S. Carsley, for labor,	2 08
J. P. Nevens, for labor,	10 46
M. C. Clark, for labor,	24 53
C. S. Haskell, for labor,	59 75
John Hatch, for labor,	67
Benjamin Morse, for labor,	12 21
F. H. Morse, for labor,	3 12
J. S. Tarbox, for labor,	6 62
Amos G. Merrill, for labor,	2 99
M. J. Rogers, for labor,	5 65
D. C. McIntire, for labor,	2 53
Nicholas Rideout, for labor,	46 13
J. C. Pendexter, for labor,	4 86
Nathaniel Johnson, for labor,	12 54
C. H. N. Rowe, for labor,	21 87
George W. Plummer, for labor,	1 75
William Edwards, for labor,	5 50
C. P. Haskell, for labor,	3 00

Paid L. C. Berry, for labor,	\$0 75	
Allen H. Jordan, for labor,	13 39	
Washington Jordan & Co., for labor,	10 87	
A. I. Nevins, for labor,	4 56	
Roswell Farnum, for labor,	2 19	
G. B. Pierce, for labor,	14 50	
Rufus S. Starbird, for labor,	26 50	
Samuel Estes, for labor,	3 00	
John R. Griffin, for labor,	5 74	
William Eveleth, for labor,	7 28	
Nathaniel Rideout, for labor,	28 11	
E. M. Morgan, for labor,	8 12	
Charles Schillenger, for labor,	21 25	
B. C. Jordan, for lumber,	94	
P. A. Downing, for labor,	4 28	
Levi Eveleth, for labor,	10 52	
William Snow, for labor,	1 69	
John Eveleth, for labor,	1 25	
H. K. Patterson, for labor,	15 87	
West Gloucester Shakers, for labor,	88 97	
Philip Hubbard, for labor,	21 62	
J. L. Davis, for labor,	2 62	
	<hr/>	\$839 49
		Cr.
Balance unexpended for year 1882,	\$718 62	
<i>Balance overdrawn,</i>	120 87	
	<hr/>	\$839 49

SNOW FENCE.

Paid C. S. Haskell, for building snow fence on Harris hill,	\$98 77
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ROAD BILLS FOR THE YEAR 1883.

Paid L. C. Berry, for labor,	\$3 00	
A. Buck, for moving road machine,	3 75	
	<hr/>	\$6 75

TOWN FARM.

Paid A. L. & E. F. Goss, for creamer,	\$36 67
I. H. Keith, for groceries,	50 00

Paid H. M. Sawyer, for horse,	\$150 00	
J. W. True, for phosphate,	31 38	
C. A. Andrews, to balance account,	28 13	
C. A. Andrews, salary as agent of farm for 1883,	400 00	
	<hr/>	\$696 18

PAUPERS OFF THE FARM.

Paid J. F. Wescott, wood for Dorcas Pickett,	\$7 00	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attend- ance on Dorcas Pickett,	5 75	
Sewall Gross, pauper supplies for Dorcas Pickett,	5 00	
Sewall Gross, pauper supplies for Moses Welch,	22 00	
Dr. J. F. Newman, for medical at- tendance on wife of Parker S. Sawyer,	14 00	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical at- tendance on wife of Parker S. Sawyer,	10 00	
Town of Buckfield, for pauper sup- plies for Lottie V. Wren,	60 00	
Maine Insane Hospital, board of Thomas J. Brackett,	101 22	
City of Portland, for care of Thomas J. Brackett,	3 50	
Emmons Verrill, for care of J. A. Verrill while sick,	18 00	
Lafayette Tenny, for board and care of J. A. Verrill from Febru- ary 20, 1883, to Nov. 27, 1883,	40 00	
George Blake & Son, for pauper supplies furnished Daniel Cobb,	6 00	
George Blake & Son, for pauper supplies furnished Henry H. Sawyer,	5 00	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical at- tendance on Martha A. Car- penter,	4 00	

Paid Mary A. Denham, for house rent for Mrs. Higgins, from Decem- ber 1, 1883, to February 1, 1884,	\$8 20
J. A. Tuell, for provisions fur- nished Mrs. Higgins,	8 68
F. H. Packard, for medical attend- ance on Mrs. Higgins,	15 00
S. F. Hilton, for carrying tramp to town farm,	1 00
J. M. Thompson, for care of tramps,	2 00
J. W. True, for care of tramp,	1 00
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	\$337 35

PAUPERS BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS.

Paid I. H. Keith, for supplies furnished Jesse May, Raymond pauper,	\$2 00
I. H. Keith, for supplies furnished Charles R. Strout, Raymond pauper,	12 00
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical at- tendance on wife of S. R. Thur- low, Raymond pauper,	9 00
I. H. Keith, for supplies furnished S. R. Thurlow, Raymond pauper,	5 00
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical at- tendance on Melvin May, Ray- mond pauper,	14 50
I. H. Keith, for supplies furnished Levi Jones, North Berwick pau- per,	15 00
Clarissa Berry, for taking care of Mrs. Levi Jones, North Berwick pauper,	5 00
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical at- tendance on child of Charles E. Morey, Oxford pauper,	1 25
I. H. Keith, for supplies furnished Charles E. Morey, Oxford pauper,	5 50
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	\$69 25

REPAIR OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid as per bills approved by Supervisor,	\$170 95
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TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS FOR 1882.

Paid B. W. Merrill, Collector's fees,	\$75 48
J. W. True, Selectman, Assessor, &c.,	69 00
J. M. Thompson, Selectman, Assessor, &c.,	61 50
C. N. Fogg, Selectman, Assessor, &c.,	46 75
C. P. Haskell, Supervisor of Schools,	67 00
B. W. Merrill, Constable,	12 50
Joseph Cleaves, Town Clerk,	12 73
	<hr/> \$344 96

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid Sewall N. Martin, for attending eighteen funerals,	\$36 00
Sewall N. Martin, for labor in cemeteries,	22 00
Charles A. Winslow, for labor in cemeteries,	5 75
B. B. Segars, for repair of hearse,	2 10
B. J. R. Small, for rent of pound,	4 00
C. P. Haskell, for surveying road,	1 00
L. E. Cram, for making a list of mortgages from county record,	3 50
Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, for books and stationery,	9 60
M. F. Cushman, for damage to sleigh and harness on the highway,	4 00
N. Dingley & Co., for printing town reports for 1882,	44 00
J. W. True, for expenses to Calais in case of Frank Harmon's family,	16 81
J. W. True, for expenses to Greenwood in case of Harriet Higgins,	3 40
Charles A. Winslow, for taking care of town house for 1883,	3 00

Paid B. W. Merrill, for cash advanced to pay interest on money loaned the town,	\$11 75	
J. M. Thompson, for contingent ex- penses,	6 50	
J. W. True, for contingent expenses,	7 28	
J. W. True, for postage and sta- tionery,	4 20	
C. F. Libby, for legal advice,	5 00	
Note of S. H. Chandler,	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$689 89

ABATEMENTS ON ASSESSMENTS.

1878.

Bela Carpenter, by reason of being poor, poll tax,	\$3 00	
Charles Merrow, residence unknown, poll tax,	3 00	
Eben Snow, not liable, poll tax,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$9 00

1879.

Charles Merrow, residence unknown, poll tax,	\$1 50	
Bela Carpenter, by reason of being poor, poll tax,	1 50	
Eben Snow, non-resident, poll tax,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$4 50

1880.

Charles Merrow, residence unknown,	\$3 00	
Bela Carpenter, by reason of being poor, poll tax and highway,	3 00	
Eben Snow, non-resident,	3 00	
Augustine W. Clark, not liable,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$11 00

1881.

Charles Merrow, residence unknown, poll tax,	\$2 00
Eben Snow, non-resident, poll tax,	2 00

James W. Hackett, by reason of death, poll tax,	\$2 00	
Charles L. Megquier, non-resident, poll tax,	2 00	
Stephen B. Rowe, by reason of old age and being poor, real estate,	6 75	
	<hr/>	\$14 75

1882.

Timothy Berry, by reason of being poor, personal estate,	\$0 85	
George Blake, by reason of being over 70 years of age, poll tax,	2 00	
John D. Bradbury, for disability, poll tax,	2 00	
Daniel Cobb, by reason of being poor, per- sonal estate,	1 05	
A. Y. Eveleth, non-resident, poll tax,	2 00	
James W. Hackett, by reason of death, poll tax,	2 00	
Wendell S. Jordan, non-resident, poll tax,	2 00	
Cyrus Larrabee, by reason of being poor, real estate,	1 26	
Alonzo W. Larrabee, real estate,	2 63	
R. E. Lewis, not liable, poll tax,	2 00	
L. C. Lewis, not liable, poll tax,	2 00	
Seth E. Nason, by reason of death, poll tax,	2 00	
Stephen B. Rowe, by reason of old age and being poor, real estate,	4 46	
W. O. Ryder, by reason of being poor, poll tax,	2 00	
Joseph Tarbox, by reason of being over 70 years of age, poll tax,	2 00	
James Verrill, non-resident, poll tax,	2 00	
T. M. Webb, residence unknown, poll tax,	2 00	
William W. Witham, not of age, poll tax,	2 00	
Bela Carpenter, by reason of being poor, poll tax,	2 00	
Sumner Fickett, non-resident, poll tax,	2 00	
Irvin S. Hobart, not of age, poll tax,	2 00	
S. H. & A. C. Chandler, for over-valuation on Portland Gas Light stock,	31 50	

Mrs. Sarah A. Curtis' heirs, for over-valuation on Portland Gas Light stock,	\$14 70	
George W. Ricker, for over-valuation of Auburn Aqueduct stock,	12 60	
	—	\$101 05

1883.

J. B. Hammond, guardian of Jane Warren, non-resident bank stock,	2 43	
	—	\$142 73

TOWN BARN.

Paid Alvah Morse, for drawing plan and making schedule of lumber,	\$3 38	
J. F. Pollister, for labor,	185 00	
George W. Hatch, for labor,	140 50	
A. W. Clark, for labor,	50 75	
Jordan, Frost & Co., for lumber,	194 85	
George B. Brooks, for hardware,	7 71	
Jordan, Frost & Co., for lumber,	42 46	
B. C. Jordan, for lumber,	134 22	
Charles E. Libby, for lumber,	227 62	
W. S. Snow, for labor,	35 38	
I. H. Keith, for nails, hinges, &c.,	59 37	
M. R. Berry, for shingles,	12 00	
C. H. Small, for bolts, straps, &c.,	6 00	
Chase & Stevens, for conductors,	8 60	
A. Buck, for hauling lumber,	1 75	
Howard S. Bennett, stone for foundation,	8 00	
William H. Haskell, for labor,	31 88	
J. I. Sturgis, for lumber,	4 20	
D. B. Stevens, for window frames, &c.,	23 10	
J. A. Tufts, for hauling lumber,	15 00	
Willis Snow, for labor,	16 12	
James F. Brown, for labor,	77 50	
C. A. Andrews, for board of laborers,	34 50	
J. M. Thompson, cash advanced to pay freight,	8 90	
	—	\$1,328 79

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

DR.

Paid Jordan, Frost & Co., for lumber, shingles, clapboards, laths, &c.,	\$288 63
J. M. Thompson, for labor,	53 12
Nelson Valentine, for labor,	107 00
J. F. Pollister, for labor,	86 00
George W. Hatch, for labor,	71 38
L. C. Curtis, for labor,	17 08
B. J. R. Small, for labor,	19 00
J. P. Eveleth, for labor,	25 70
J. H. Merrill, for labor,	13 13
George Harmon, for labor,	39 75
E. A. White, for labor,	9 00
Charles Morrell, for labor,	7 00
P. A. Collier, for lining sink,	75
Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, for school furniture,	82 20
W. Jordan & Co., for lumber,	169 32
J. I. Sturgis, for lumber, door and window frames,	64 13
I. H. Keith, for hardware, paint, oil, lime, &c.,	81 31
George Blake & Son, for lime, hair, lead, nails, &c.,	23 82
D. B. Stevens, for doors, windows, &c.,	55 86
Joseph Tarbox, for hauling brick,	3 50
H. C. Foster, for finish,	28 72
C. A. Estes, for hauling lumber,	17 68
J. W. Mitchell, for hauling lumber,	11 80
P. M. Austin, for brick,	8 00
Owen & Hall, for sheathing paper,	5 99
Maine Central Railroad, for freight,	8 00
A. L. & E. F. Goss, for register,	4 50
J. M. Thompson, for cash advanced to pay freight bills,	5 16
J. M. Thompson, for cash advanced to pay board bill of J. H. Merrill,	3 25
	———— \$1,310 78

CR.

Received of George W. Hatch, for shingles,	\$24 50	
J. M. Thompson, for lime, lum-		
ber, mortar, &c.,	5 26	
	<hr/>	\$29 76
Balance,		<hr/> \$1,281 02

Grading school house lot, getting out and setting underpinning :

Paid Z. A. Rowe, for labor,	\$87 75	
Jabez True, for labor,	48 50	
G. W. Haskell, for labor,	43 93	
C. S. Haskell, for labor,	37 00	
A. A. Hunnewell, for labor,	26 25	
J. M. Thompson, for labor,	30 00	
Elbridge True, for labor,	46 50	
C. P. Haskell, for labor,	21 00	
C. A. Winslow, for labor,	12 44	
Gibbs Benson, for labor,	8 25	
Charles E. Morey, for labor,	9 38	
J. H. Ward, for labor,	7 55	
John W. Wilson, for labor,	7 50	
John P. Nevens, for labor,	7 50	
W. L. Shurtleff, for labor,	3 00	
C. H. Small, for sharpening drills, &c.,	5 80	
Ephraim Hilton, for sharpening drills,	1 89	
M. R. Berry, for use of plow,	50	
L. C. Curtis, for labor,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$410 74
Paid B. J. R. Small, for lot,		250 00
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Total cost of building and lot,		\$1,941 76

There are outstanding bills for grading lot to the amount of \$38.50.

REPAIRS ON BALD HILL SCHOOL HOUSE.

DR.

Paid Jordan, Frost & Co., for lumber,	\$45 60
D. B. Stevens, for doors, windows, etc.,	47 27
W. Jordan & Co., for lumber,	9 99

Paid Geo. Blake & Son, for lime, hair, nails, etc.,	\$24 94	
Alvah Morse, for labor,	56 62	
Frank A. Copp, for labor,	53 75	
J. P. Eveleth, for labor,	6 00	
W. H. True, for labor,	16 00	
C. H. N. Rowe, for labor, and board of A. Morse,	34 32	
B. J. R. Small, for labor,	12 50	
E. A. White, for labor,	5 00	
Edward Winslow, for labor,	3 00	
E. G. True, for labor,	1 62	
C. W. Clark, for school furniture,	111 00	
Owen & Hall, for sheathing paper,	3 60	
I. H. Keith, for hardware,	7 06	
Charles Dunn, for bricks,	1 87	
J. W. True, for hauling school furniture,	2 25	
		\$442 39
		Cr.
Received for old seats, etc.,		3 35
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Balance,		\$439 04
Total amount of expenditures,	\$9,621 56	
Total amount of receipts,	9,596 75	
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Balance overdrawn,		\$24 81

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

RESOURCES.

State mill tax, due January 1, 1884,	\$460 05
State school fund, due January 1, 1884,	196 25
Railroad and telegraph tax for 1883,	326 66
New Gloucester school fund, due April 23, 1884,	272 49
Balance due on school fund of 1883,	36 00
Due from the town of Gray,	15 00
Due from the town of Raymond,	42 50
Due from the town of Poland,	36 00

Due from the town of Oxford,	\$6 75	
Due from the town of North Berwick,	22 00	
Due for tuition of scholars from town of Poland,	80 00	
Due for tuition of scholars from the town of Gray,	17 64	
Due from M. R. Berry, for old school house,	300 00	
350 clapboards,	9 45	
Liquor and casks, as per bill,	74 26	
<i>Balance against the town,</i>	384 56	
	<hr/>	\$2,279 61

LIABILITIES.

Overdrawn balance,	\$24 81	
Amount due the schools,	1,620 18	
Collector's fees for 1883,	79 62	
Town officers' bills for 1883, estimated,	325 00	
Outstanding bills, estimated,	230 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,279 61

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

CHARLES A. ANDREWS, *Agent*.

DR.

To salary of Agent,	\$400 00	
supplies purchased by Agent,	1,399 34	
one horse, by order,	150 00	
phosphate, by order,	31 38	
one creamer, by order,	36 67	
	<hr/>	\$2,017 39

CR.

By sales from the farm,	\$1,371 21	
produce more than last year,	126 25	
stock more than last year,	327 00	
improvement on tools from last year,	45 00	
lot of drag plank,	10 00	
nine months' board of Agent's horse,	22 50	
<i>balance against the farm,</i>	115 43	
	<hr/>	\$2,017 39

Amount of stock and supplies on the farm: 1 horse, 1 yoke oxen, 13 cows, 1 calf six months old, girth 4 feet 9 inches, 11 swine, 32 hens, 25 tons hay, 2 tons of straw and corn fodder, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton ground feed, 300 bushels potatoes, 115 bushels oats, $\frac{2}{3}$ barrel flour, 400 pounds pork, 2 barrels cider, 20 gallons vinegar, 1 ham, 25 pounds butter, 60 pounds lard, 2 boxes salt, 2 bushels beans, 4 boxes paris green, and vegetables sufficient for the family's use.

The number of poor on the farm is five. Everything shows that they are well cared for, although the house is old and inconvenient. They are kept comfortable by the untiring efforts of Mrs. Andrews, who has improved the bedding and wearing apparel to quite an extent. The farm has been very much improved under the care of Mr. Andrews; he has built, on an average, fifty rods a year of post and rail fence, and at the present time has the farm well fenced. The past year he has laid over one hundred rods of under drain, and the land shows the good effects already. And we are so much pleased with the way the farm has been managed, that we would advise all farmers in town to visit the farm and see for themselves, hoping that all may derive a benefit thereby. The stock is also being improved to quite an extent, and with present accommodations we believe, from what has already been shown, that our town farm will soon take a front rank in town, as a dairy farm.

The barn built the past season was placed on the site of the old one. After considering all suggestions and the location of land, it was placed on a foundation four and a half feet higher than the old one, so there is a good chance for a cellar under the tie-up and floor. The dimensions of the barn are as follows: 42 feet wide by 72 feet long, $18\frac{1}{2}$ foot post, and built and finished in the most substantial manner; both ends and one side have been clapboarded, the other side shingled, also well ventilated and lighted, making it warm and comfortable.

The following is a list of the births that have occurred in the Town of New Gloucester during the year ending March 31, 1883, as given in to the Assessors in April of said year :

Name of Child.	Sex.	Name of Parents.	Date of Birth.
Lucy A.	Daughter.	Thomas C. Wells.	(1882) April 25.
Anna L.	Daughter.	Martha A. Wells.	
Ernest A.	Son.	Royal E. Jordan.	May 12.
Florence J.	Daughter.	Henrietta Jordan.	
Merton J.	Son.	Augustus J. Haskell.	June 4.
Frank W.	Son.	Emma A. Haskell.	
Dora E.	Daughter.	George B. Grover.	June 24.
Albert S.	Son.	Hannah Grover.	
Rose A.	Daughter.	Charles S. Estes.	July 6.
Wesley.	Son.	Ella F. Estes.	
Annie T.	Daughter.	Frank L. Golder.	July 24.
Mary E.	Daughter.	Susie T. Golder.	
Sophia A.	Daughter.	E. N. Gilbert.	July 29.
Ethel May	Daughter.	Josephine Gilbert.	
Stanley C.	Son.	Sidney W. Bennett.	Aug. 12.
Forest B.	Son.	Laura A. Bennett.	
Charles F.	Son.	Charles F. Plummer.	Sept. 3.
No Name.	Daughter.	Almira B. Plummer.	
Earle Revere.	Son.	Wesley Strout.	Oct. 18.
		Sarah F. Strout.	
		Frank W. Berry.	Nov. 7.
		Flora R. Berry.	
		John Cunningham.	Dec. 29.
		Lucy Cunningham.	(1883)
		M. W. Bennett.	Jan. 7.
		Sophia A. Bennett.	
		Mellen Carpenter.	Jan. 14.
		Lucy Carpenter.	
		Melville C. Clark.	Feb. 3.
		L. M. Clark.	
		John S. Snow.	Mar. 9.
		Jennie J. Snow.	
		Charles E. Kidder.	Mar. 12.
		Annie J. Kidder.	
		William H. Eveleth.	Mar. 22.
		Ida M. Eveleth.	
		A. L. Richards.	Mar. 31.
		Sarah M. Richards.	

The following were omitted from last year :

Name of Child.	Sex.	Name of Parents.	Date of Birth.
John P.	Son.	John A. Witham.	Mar. 21.
Evis H.	Daughter.	Annie P. Witham.	
Robert H.	Son.	M. R. Berry.	May 8.
		Alice Berry.	
		William H. Eveleth.	June 1.
		Ida M. Eveleth.	

The following is a list of the deaths that have occurred in the town of New Gloucester during the year ending March 31, 1883:

Name of Deceased.	Date of Death.	Age.	Remarks.
	1882.		
Mary P. Stevens.	April 4.	36 years.	Wife of Alonzo Stevens.
Lucy Rollins.	April 13.	82 years 7 months.	
Albert C. Hilton.	May 6.	11 years.	Son of Jos. M. Hilton.
George Pendexter.	May 14.	73 years 10 months.	
Hanson Bailey.	June 2.	72 years 10 months.	
Horace E. Armington.	June 2.	65 years.	
David Jordan.	June 13.	84 years 2 months.	
Ernest A. Haskell.	June 19.	14 days.	Son of Augustus J. Haskell.
James W. Hackett.	June 22.	23 years 11 months.	
George B. Grover.	June 30.	47 years.	
Joseph Brackett.	July 4.	84 years.	
Ester Sawyer.	Aug. 29.	81 years.	Wife of Benjamin Sawyer.
Deidima Hatch.	Sept. 6.	80 years 8 months.	
Betsey Wells.	Oct. 21.	70 years 5 months.	
Deborah Fuller.	Nov. 5.	78 years.	
Elizabeth Schillenger.	Nov. 24.	55 years.	Wife of Charles Schillenger.
	1883.		
William Haskell.	Jan. 19.	74 years 6 months.	
Seth E. Nason.	Jan. 27.	23 years 4 months.	
Francina Bennett.	Mar. 20.	51 years.	
Edward L. Irish.	Mar. 22.	54 years 10 months.	
	1882.		
Emma P. Small.	June 18.	6 years.	} Children of Chas. H. Small.
James L. Small.	July 6.	7 months.	

GENERAL REMARKS.

During the past year the overseers have had a number of difficult cases to contend with. Dorcas Pickett has been moved to the town farm, where she is well cared for and seems much pleased with the change.

Notice was received from the overseers of Greenwood that Mrs. Harriet Higgins had fallen into distress. Upon investigation it was found that her property had nearly all been used up, and that she was not in a condition to be moved. She afterwards moved to West Paris, and has since been partially supported by the town. We would recommend her removal to the town farm as soon as her health will permit.

Notice was also received from the city of Calais, about the first of April, that the family of Frank Harmon had fallen into distress. As there were doubts to their having a settlement in this town, the case was carefully investigated, and we became convinced that they belonged to this town. Harmon, who it seems had neglected to provide for his family, either through inability or for some other cause, was hunted up, and promised to support them in the future. He did not fully do this till some time in November, when he shipped on board of a vessel and made over to his wife twenty dollars per month of his wages. Since that time to the present he has provided for their support.

Thomas J. Brackett is still at the insane asylum. There is no improvement in his mental condition. A guardian has been appointed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. TRUE,

J. M. THOMPSON,

C. N. FOGG,

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1883.		Dr.
Feb. 19.	To cash in Treasury,	\$3,410 55
Mar.	from town of Oxford,	5 00
	from town of Gray, for tuition of scholars,	17 67
Mar. 13.	from town of Raymond, pauper expenses,	12 00
April 14.	from A. Morse, for old door and seats,	1 85
	from E. Winslow, for old seats,	1 00
	from W. H. True, for old seats,	50
May.	from B. W. Merrill, treas- urer of school fund,	232 49
Sept. 13.	from S. N. Martin, for use of hearse,	2 00
Sept. 27.	from S. H. Chandler, money loaned the town,	500 00
Dec. 5.	from S. N. Martin, for use of hearse,	2 00
	from State school fund and mill tax for 1882,	657 00
	for railroad and telegraph tax,	493 37
1884.		
Jan. 17.	To cash from Clarissa Berry, for settlement of taxes of land of Andrew C. Ver- rill, sold Dec. 31, 1881,	7 20
	amount of taxes to collect for the year 1883 less the State and county tax,	4,201 86

Feb. 19. To cash received from J. M. Thompson, for lime, mortar, lumber, &c.,	\$5 26	
received from C. A. Andrews, for board of horse nine months on town farm,	22 50	
received from George W. Hatch, for shingles,	24 50	
<i>Balance overdrawn,</i>	24 81	
	<hr/>	\$9,621 56
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By amount paid out by order of Selectmen,		\$9,621 56
B. W. MERRILL, <i>Treasurer.</i>		

REPORT OF TREASURER OF NEW GLOUCESTER SCHOOL FUND,

From April 23, 1883, to April 23, 1884.

Amount of capital in secured notes by first mortgages on real estate,	\$4,553 80	
Amount of interest becomes due the town April 23, 1884,	272 49	
Amount of uncollected interest due April 23, 1883,	36 00	
	<hr/>	\$308 49
B. W. MERRILL, <i>Treasurer.</i>		

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE OF THE EZRA TOBIE FUND.

Amount received from the fund,		\$30 00
Amount paid out for the benefit of paupers on the town farm,	\$25 00	
Amount paid to the poor of the town not on the farm,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$30 00
S. H. CHANDLER, <i>Trustee.</i>		

New Gloucester, Feb. 22, 1884.

REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERVISOR.

To the Citizens of New Gloucester :

The Supervisor of Schools of New Gloucester would respectfully ask leave to submit his annual report :

The whole number of children in town, between the ages of 4 and 21 years, on the first day of April, 1883, was	415
Whole number attending Summer Schools,	213
Average number attending Summer Schools,	171
Whole number attending Fall Schools,	185
Average number attending Fall Schools,	152
Whole number attending Winter Schools,	229
Average number attending Winter Schools,	192

RESOURCES.

Amount in the Treasury, available for school purposes, after all outstanding bills were paid, February 26, 1883,	\$179 25
Amount voted by the town,	1,700 00
Received from state mill tax, due January 1, 1883,	461 55
Received from state school fund,	196 23
Received from school fund,	272 49
Due for tuition from non-residents, estimated,	60 00
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	\$2,869 52

EXPENDITURES.

Paid teachers' wages, for summer schools, including board,	\$687 50
teachers' wages, for fall schools, including board,	525 40
teachers' wages, for winter schools, including board,	1,068 00
for wood for use in 1883,	11 90
for care of school buildings,	48 95
for cleansing school houses,	7 50
for contingent expenses,	22 77
for stoves and funnel,	53 63
for insurance,	12 75

Due for wood and coal used in 1883, estimated,	\$18 00
for wood and coal for use 1884, estimated,	150 00
district No. 10 for proportion school money, 1883,	44 38
John L. Megquier, for proportion school money, 1883,	8 44
Nathan E. Fickett, for proportion school money, 1883,	12 68
Elbridge Titcomb, for proportion school money, 1883,	6 34
Frank Edwards, for proportion school money, 1883, estimated,	19 02
Underestimates last year,	28 10
Outstanding bills, estimated,	25 00
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Total amount of expenditures for the year 1883,	\$2,750 36
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Leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer,	\$119 16

TABULAR VIEW OF SCHOOLS.

SUMMER TERM.

Number of School.	Name of Teacher.	Whole No. pupils registered.	Average No. in at- tendance.	Length of school in weeks.	Wages of teachers per week exclu- sive of board.	Wages of teachers per month exclu- sive of board.	Price paid per week for board.	Average cost per pupil per term.	Amt. paid teachers including board.
1	Mrs. M. E. Waterman.	25	23	10	\$5 00		\$2 50	\$3 00	\$75 00
2	Vesta F. Edgecomb.	25	22	10	5 00		2 50	3 00	75 00
3	Abbie S. Jordan.	21	17	10	4 00		2 00	2 85	60 00
4	Carrie B. Watts.	19	15	10	3 50		2 00	2 84	55 00
5	Celia E. Valentine.	22	16	10	3 50		2 50	2 72	60 00
6	Flora B. Webber.	29	23	10	3 50		2 50	2 06	60 00
7	Ina M. Wilson.	17	11	10	3 00		2 25	3 08	52 50
8	Sadie A. Tarbox.	17	15	10	3 00		2 50	3 28	55 00
9	Ada S. Cummings. (Annexed to Poland).	17	13	9	3 00		2 00	2 64	45 00
10									
11	Dora M. Thurlow.	8	6	10	3 00		2 00	6 25	50 00
12	Addie Bartlett.	7	5	10	3 25		2 25	7 85	55 00
13	Mary L. Bickford.	6	5	10	2 75		1 75	7 50	45 00

Total amount paid for teachers, including board, \$687 50

FALL TERM.

Number of School.	Name of Teacher.	Whole No. pupils registered.	Average No. in attendance.	Length of school in weeks.	Wages of teachers per week exclusive of board.	Wages of teachers per month exclusive of board.	Price paid per week for board.	Average cost per pupil per term.	Amt. paid teachers including board.
1	Zilpha S. Prince.	28	22	8	\$5 00		\$2 50	\$2 14	\$60 00
2	Vesta F. Edgecomb.	19	16	8	5 00		2 50	3 15	60 00
3	Abbie S. Jordan.	13	11	8	4 00		2 00	3 69	48 00
4	Carrie B. Watts.	18	15	8	3 50		2 00	2 44	44 00
5	Isaac E. Hobart.	17	15	8		\$16 00	2 00	2 82	48 00
6	Maggie J. Small.	27	23	8	5 00		2 50	2 22	60 00
7	Cornelia P. Prince.	17	13	74-5	3 00		2 25	2 43	41 40
8	Sadie A. Tarbox.	21	19	8	3 50		2 50	2 28	48 00
9	(No fall term).								
10	(Annexed to Poland).								
11	Olive M. Hayes.	9	6	8	3 00		1 75	4 22	38 00
12	Helen A. Thayer.	8	6	8	3 00		2 0	5 00	40 00
13	Dora M. Thurlow.	8	6	8	3 00		1 75	4 75	38 00

Total amount paid for teachers, including board,

\$525 40

WINTER TERM.

1	Zilpha S. Prince.	24	19	12	\$6 25		\$2 50	\$4 36	\$105 00
2	Vesta F. Edgecomb.	32	28	12	6 25		2 50	3 28	105 00
3	Mrs. E. E. Jackson.	26	18	12	7 00		2 50	4 38	114 00
4	Carrie B. Watts.	20	18	12	4 25		2 25	3 90	78 00
5	Abbie S. Jordan.	21	18	12	5 00		2 00	4 00	84 00
6	Maggie J. Small.	33	30	12	5 50		2 50	2 93	96 00
7	Edith True.	14	10	12	4 25		2 25	5 57	78 00
8	Sadie A. Tarbox.	19	17	12	5 00		2 50	4 73	90 00
9	Ada S. Cummings.	17	16	16	4 00		2 00	5 64	96 00
10	(Annexed to Poland).								
11	Joseph S. True.	7	5	12		\$14 00	2 50	10 28	72 00
12	Charles H. Nelson.	8	7	12		19 00	2 25	10 50	84 00
13	Dora M. Thurlow.	8	6	12	3 75		1 75	8 25	66 00

Total amount paid for teachers, including board,

\$1,068 00

SCHOOL NO. 1—LOWER CORNER.

The Summer Term was taught by Mrs. M. E. Waterman of Danville, with the same energy and zeal which characterized her previous terms in this school, and as one of the results, the quick work and thorough drill of her Arithmetic classes, gave evidence of the good work done by this school.

The Fall and Winter Terms were taught by Miss Zilpha S. Prince

of Turner, who has excellent qualifications as a teacher. The discipline was based on the confidence and good-will of the pupils towards their teacher, and though mild, was quite efficient; the methods of instruction were of the most approved kind, and the manner of teaching was energetic and clear. Sickness reduced the average attendance during the Winter Term, yet these are considered profitable schools.

SCHOOL NO. 2—UPPER CORNER.

This school was smaller than in previous years. The three terms were under the care of Miss Vester F. Edgecomb of Turner, who was well qualified for her work. Her methods of instruction were designed to be thorough, and the manner of teaching was pleasant and easy, yet efficient. The deportment of the pupils was generally correct, and their confidence in and good-will towards their teacher, commendable. Under such favoring conditions, the past year has been one of progress to this school.

SCHOOL NO. 3—BALD HILL.

The Summer and Fall Terms were in charge of Miss Abbie S. Jordan, who taught the previous Winter Term with good acceptance, and the same good work on her part was continued, while she remained with this school.

The Winter Term was under the direction of Mrs. E. E. Jackson of Naples, whose attainments and experience pre-eminently qualify her for the teacher's work. Her methods of instruction were clear and thorough; her pleasant and easy manner of teaching and enforcing discipline, won the confidence of her pupils, and secured good deportment, apparently without effort. The interest of her pupils in their work was unabated to the last. Such a union of effort by teacher and taught, made this a very profitable term.

SCHOOL NO. 4—COBB'S BRIDGE.

Miss Carrie B. Watts had charge of this school for the year. Her work in our schools has always been well approved, and that of the past year was some of her best. She held the good esteem of her pupils, which made discipline easy to maintain, and ensured the good deportment of the school. Her classes gave evidence of a good degree of interest on their part, and of receiving plain and thorough instruction from their teacher. The past year has been one of profit to this school.

SCHOOL NO. 5—BEAR BROOK.

The Summer Term opened under the care of Miss Helen W. Porter of North Yarmouth, who received a cordial welcome to her

old field of labor. Under a teacher of such ability, and so long an experience, much was expected of this school. Soon failing health compelled her to resign. The good work already begun was successfully continued, without interruption, by Miss Celia E. Valentine. The improvement in reading was decidedly marked.

The Fall Term was under the care of Mr. Isaac Hobart, though without previous experience, he maintained good discipline, and sought, with good results, to make his classes understand their lessons. The neatly-kept school room, in regard to which male teachers are apt to be faulty, was in this case worthy of special mention.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss Abbie S. Jordan, whose school work has been so often and favorably reported, that little need be said, further than to note that the same orderly neatness, which always pervades her school-room, and her clear and forcible instruction, brought their usual results in this school. While all the classes did well, those in Arithmetic might receive special commendation.

SCHOOL NO. 6—HARRIS HILL.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Flora B. Webber of Vienna, who seeks to be an earnest and successful worker as a teacher. The discipline of this school was good, and the instruction quite thorough, while there was not that enthusiastic spirit on the part of the pupils that is sometimes seen, yet a fair term's work was done.

The Fall and Winter Terms were under the direction of Miss Maggie J. Small of Westbrook, who entered upon her duties qualified by a long and successful teaching experience. The increased interest and regular attendance, to an unusual degree, soon proved that the right teacher had charge of the work in this school. These commendable features continued unabated to the close of the Winter Term. Under such circumstances, we should look for good discipline, clear instruction, and thorough work. That we did not seek in vain in this school, for these signs of its proficiency, the closing exercises of both the Fall and Winter Terms abundantly proved.

SCHOOL NO. 7—POND.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Ina M. Wilson of Cumberland. This was her first experience in the school-room as a teacher. Though the discipline of this school was not quite up to the standard, yet the term was not entirely without profit. Should the fine attainments of this teacher be supplemented by the needed energetic work, she may yet make teaching a complete success.

Miss C. P. Prince of Cumberland, had charge of the Fall Term. She labored hard for the improvement of her pupils, and though the

interest on their part was not in every case what it should have been, yet her efforts met with some success.

The Winter Term finds Miss Edith True at the head of this school, where she had previously labored with great acceptance. Under her faithful instruction, a good degree of interest was created and well maintained, and this school, though somewhat backward, did an excellent term's work.

SCHOOL NO. 8—WEBBER'S.

The three terms of this school were taught by Miss Sadie A. Tarbox of Portland, who, from the beginning, was awake to her duties and her responsibilities as the head of a school, and the instructor of youth; and as a natural result, the interest on the part of the pupils, in their teacher and school work, was good from the first, and increased rather than diminished, as the school days passed by. When such relations exist between teacher and taught, it is needless to speak of discipline, methods of instruction, or proficiency of the pupils, for it would be reasonable to infer they would be of a high order, which was the case in this school, to a marked degree.

SCHOOL NO. 9—SHAKERS.

This school held only a Summer and Winter Term, the Winter Term continuing sixteen weeks. As usual, this school has been in charge of Miss Ada S. Cummings; while fair work has been done in all studies pursued, particular attention is given to reading, spelling, writing, geography, history; and in map-drawing the work is of the very best. This is always a pleasant and profitable school, and an interesting one to visit.

SCHOOL NO. 11—MEADOW BROOK.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Dora M. Thurlow, and the Fall Term by Miss Olive M. Hayes of North Yarmouth. Miss Thurlow had previously labored in this school with good results. Miss Hayes was well qualified for her work, maintained good discipline, and sought to give thorough instruction. Though the interest manifested by the pupils during these terms was not what is desirable to give the best work, yet they were not without profit.

The Winter Term was under the instruction of Mr. Joseph S. True; though inexperienced, he approached his duties with a laudable ambition to make his work a success. The good degree of interest which soon developed on the part of the pupils, plainly told that his efforts were bent in the right direction to make his school a profitable one. The good results of these indications were plainly shown by the closing examination.

SCHOOL NO. 12—PENNEY'S.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Addie Bartlett of Wilton, who had an easy and pleasant manner in the school-room, that won the good will of her pupils, who, though few in number, made commendable progress, especially the Primary Class, which is entitled to special mention.

The Fall Term was in charge of Miss Helen A. Thayer, and though it was her first experience as a teacher, the good scholarship and earnest desire which she brought to her work, to labor for the good of her school, made this a pleasant and quite profitable term, though some of the pupils were not as interested as we would like to have seen them. With the added energy, which more experience and a larger school is likely to bring, Miss Thayer will doubtless excel, should she continue in the teacher's profession.

The Winter Term was under the care of Mr. Charles H. Nelson, and though it was his first attempt at teaching, the interest early manifested by the pupils, gave evidence that he understood his work, and was a good indication of the success of the school, which the fine recitations at its close fully confirmed.

SCHOOL NO. 13—BICKFORD'S.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Mary L. Bickford, who has had charge of this school for several preceding terms, giving general satisfaction; the result of this term's work was no exception to those that preceded it. Adorning her school-room with plants and flowers gave it a pleasant, homelike appearance, and withal had a refining and educating influence, and is worthy of special notice.

The Fall and Winter Terms were under the care of Miss Dora M. Thurlow, whose previous reputation as a teacher in our schools for faithful and efficient work was well maintained. This school though one of the smallest in town is entitled to credit for the good advancement made.

At the last annual meeting, the inhabitants of the town, ever awake to the interests of their schools, feeling that the course of study thus far pursued was indefinite, and that the pupils were obliged to spend their school days pursuing such studies as their fancy suggested, and with no definite object in view, it was resolved, as an experiment, to take a new departure. To create more interest, arouse a slumbering ambition, and to concentrate the pupils' efforts in one direction and towards a desired end, it was "voted that the graduating system should be adopted in the public schools, and that the course of study should consist of the following branches: Reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, geography, grammar, U. S. history, physiology, book-keeping, civil government, philosophy, algebra, and geometry.

It was also voted that any and all pupils in the public schools who should pass an examination satisfactory to the Committee or Supervisor, in the above-named branches, meaning that in spelling it shall be both oral and written; in history it shall cover the period from the settlement of Jamestown to the present time; in arithmetic it shall be both mental and written, to the extent allowed by Greenleaf's practical or such book as may be substituted in its place; in grammar it shall be in the forms of language, the laws of language, analysis of language, and composition; in book-keeping it shall be single entry, common business forms, and common business laws; in algebra such work as the elementary text-book contains; in geometry to the extent of the first five books. All pupils passing such examination shall, by such public exercises as the Committee or Supervisor may determine, be entitled to graduate from the schools and receive a suitable diploma by order of the town." The necessity and importance of this new work was early impressed on the attention of the teachers and pupils in the several schools, and the classes were arranged as far as possible to bring their studies in the direct line of the regular course. As was expected this movement proved a new departure indeed, a step in the right direction. Irregular and outside studies were given up that only those in the course might be pursued, the desired revival of interest, and the awakening of the latent ambition on the part of the pupils, that they might concentrate their efforts and strive to win an honorable rank in scholarship placed before them, but yet within their reach, was fully realized.

Seven pupils have been able to complete the graduating course the past year; their names, and the schools from whence they came are as follows: Upper Corner, Mabel L. Bailey, Mary L. Holmes, Mary L. Bickford; Bald Hill, Ernest G. True; Webber's, Mary E. Shailer, Sadie D. Webber, Nettie M. Wells. These pupils, in the presence of a large assembly of the citizens of the town, creditably performed the graduating parts assigned them, which consisted of original essays, and were awarded suitable diplomas.

The second class that can qualify themselves for graduating honors next year, is considerably larger, and there is no reason why there cannot be a graduating class each succeeding year. This new experiment in regard to our schools is now fairly launched; the work, as is apt to be the case in the first instance, may have been imperfectly done, but let there be no backward step or flagging interest on the part of parents, teachers, or school officers, but improving on the imperfections and by the experience of the past, go forward with a fixed determination to do a better perfected and higher work the coming year, and if this is continued our children can receive in our own schools a good business education, or lay the foundation for a broader and higher culture.

In the selection of teachers, careful thought has been used to employ those who were not only well qualified intellectually, but such as would feel the responsibility of their office as an instructor of youth, and would be mindful that every influence that emanated from the school-room by precept or example would tend to the highest culture; and also would observe the requirements of statute: "to use their best endeavors to impress on the minds of the children and youth committed to their care and instruction, the principles of morality and justice, and a sacred regard for truth, love of country, humanity, and a universal benevolence, sobriety, industry, and frugality." Any teacher that fails in these requirements is unfitted for the teacher's work.

Of the twenty-two different teachers employed during the year, six were graduates of Westbrook Seminary, one of Castine Normal School, one of Portland High School, one of Deering High School, one of Hebron Academy, six had received academic instruction, and six were educated in town.

To avoid the disadvantages arising from the too frequent change of instructors, the same teachers have been retained in the schools as far as possible. In four schools there was no change of teachers for the year; in four there was but one change; and in the remaining four there was a change each term.

Of the appropriation placed in the hands of the Supervisor for the repair of school buildings, about \$42 remains unexpended. The school-room at Bald Hill has been grained, and the Meadow Brook and Harris Hill school houses painted. Blinds have been put on six school houses, viz.: Bald Hill, Harris Hill, Penney's, the two at the Pond, and the one at Cobb's Bridge.

A new and commodious school house has been built at the Lower Corner, and was occupied by the school during the closing days of the Winter Term. A further appropriation should be made to complete the grading and build a water-course in front of the lot. The school house at Bear Brook and Webber's need to have their lots enlarged, be placed on suitable foundations, thoroughly repaired, and provided with new furniture. A small appropriation should be made for the general repair of school buildings, and also to furnish blinds for the four remaining school houses.

In closing, I wish to again thank the teachers for their consideration and co-operation in carrying out every suggestion that promises well for the schools; and also the pupils for their cordial and courteous reception during my official intercourse with them.

CHARLES P. HASKELL,

Supervisor of Schools.

New Gloucester, Feb. 25, 1884.